

In the Claims

Amendments to the claims are indicated in the attached "Marked Up Version of Amendments" (pages i - iii).

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1. (Amended) A surgical device for a coronary bypass procedure comprising:
a retaining element having an aperture defining an operative site; and
a holder on the retaining element, the holder positioned to attach a connector to
the retaining element, the connector being positioned by the holder to extend [that
extends] underneath an artery such that the connector compresses the artery against a
surface on the retaining element at a first arterial position on a first side of the operative
site and at a second arterial position on a second side of the operative site.

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(Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 5 further comprising a connector wherein the
connector comprises a first cord, the first cord extending through the first lateral section,
and a second cord extending through the second lateral section.

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9. (Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 8 wherein the compression surface comprises
a tab defining an aperture sidewall.

10. (Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 9 further comprising a connector wherein the
connector extends through a first section of the aperture and a second section of the
aperture such that the tab is positioned between the first section and the second section.

11. (Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 1 further comprising a suction tube attached
to the retaining element ~~retractor~~.

12. (Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 1 wherein the holder comprises an opening
that receives a portion of a connector.

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13. (Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 12 wherein the holder further comprises a second opening that receives a second portion of a connector.

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18. (Amended) A method of positioning an artery during surgery comprising the steps of:
positioning a retaining element at a surgical site, the retaining element having an aperture that exposes a portion of an artery at the surgical site; and
occluding the artery at a first arterial position at a first side of the surgical site by compressing the artery between a connector and the retaining element and occluding the artery at a second arterial position at a second side of the surgical site by compressing the artery between a connector and the retaining element.
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22. (Amended) The method of Claim 19 wherein the connecting step further comprises attaching a cord extending through the tissue to a holder on the retaining element.

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25. (Amended) A surgical retractor for a coronary bypass procedure comprising;
a retaining base having an aperture that exposes an operative site, the base including a cord retainer;
a holder on the retaining base; and
a cord that attaches to the holder such that artery tissue can be compressed between the cord and the retaining base and held stationary relative to the retaining base with the cord and the cord retainer.

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35. (Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 25 further comprising a suction tube attached to the retaining element.

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38. (Amended) The method of Claim 37 wherein the connecting step comprises threading a flexible cord under the artery and connecting the cord to a holder on the retaining base, the holder comprising a manually actuated fastener.

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41. (Amended) A disposable surgical retractor for a coronary bypass procedure comprising;
a plastic retaining base having an aperture that exposes an operative site, the
aperture extending along a longitudinal axis of the base;
a plurality of holders on the retaining base such that a first holder is positioned on
a first side of the aperture and a second holder is positioned on a second side of the
aperture, the first holder and the second holder being positioned to attach a cord to the
retaining base such that the cord compresses a coronary artery against a portion of the
retaining base; and
an arm attached to the base and extending above the base such that a user can
position the base at the operative site with the coronary artery exposed through the
aperture.

42. (Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 41 wherein the retaining base comprises a
planar base section surrounding the aperture.

43. (Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 41 further comprising an irrigation channel in
the retaining base.

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45. (Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 44 further comprising a first cord, the first
cord extending through the first lateral section, and a second cord extending through the
section lateral section.

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47. (Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 41 wherein the retaining base comprises a
compression surface that compresses an artery to control blood flow in the artery.

48. (Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 47 wherein the compression surface
comprises a tab defining an aperture sidewall.

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50. (Amended) The surgical retractor of Claim 41 further comprising a suction tube attached
to the retaining base.